

AL DAKINS MEMORIAL AWARD

\$2,250.00



Criteria

To a graduating student who faces financial hardship or personal adversity. This student should demonstrate resilience, determination and a strong work ethic. Involvement in sports, trade skills, or community service is preferred but not required. This award should go to someone who may not traditionally be recognized for academic or athletic excellence but is in need of an opportunity to succeed. This student should plan to pursue further education, whether at a college, trade school, or certification program. This scholarship is for the unexpected recipient - the student who may not have had the easiest road but refuses to give up. This should recognize and support a student who will move forward.

Deadline

See your school's guidance/student services office.

History

The Al Dakins Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the legacy of Al Dakins, a man who knew the struggles of hardship and the power of a helping hand. Al grew up in unfavourable circumstances, facing obstacles that could have held him back, but through grit, determination, and the kindness of others, he carved out a path for himself. He was never one to seek a handout—only an opportunity to prove himself. A skilled electrician by trade, a dedicated sports enthusiast, and a believer in giving back through acts of service, Al always rooted for the underdog. This scholarship is intended for an individual who, like Al, has faced adversity but continues to push forward, someone who just needs a break. It is not designed for the student with the highest grades or the most accolades, but rather for the one who shows perseverance, resilience, and heart. The recipient should embody Al's fighting spirit and his belief in the power of hard work and community support.

Available To

East Elgin Secondary School

Selection Process

The recipient will be determined by the School Awards Committee.